

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2000-788

November 20, 2000

VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC.
D/B/A VERIZON MAINE
Request for Approval of Interconnection
Agreement with FairPoint Communications
Solutions Corp.

NOTICE OF AGREEMENT AND
OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

On September 19, 2000, Verizon New England Inc. d/b/a Verizon Maine (Verizon Maine) filed with this Commission an agreement with FairPoint Communications Solutions Corp. (FairPoint), pursuant to section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Section 252(e)(1) provides that:

[a]ny interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration shall be submitted for approval to the State commission. A State commission to which an agreement is submitted shall approve or reject the agreement, with written findings as to any deficiencies.

Section 252(e)(2) establishes standards for state review of submitted agreements. State commissions may reject agreements adopted by negotiation only if discriminatory or inconsistent with the public interest. See § 252(e)(2)(A). State commissions must act to approve or reject an agreement adopted by negotiation within 90 days after submission by the parties.

The Commission solicits any comment on whether the agreement filed by Verizon Maine discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or if implementation of the agreement would not be consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Any such comment must be filed with the Commission **by 9:00 a.m., December 8, 2000.**

Persons wishing to obtain a copy of the agreement filed by Verizon Maine should make appropriate arrangements with Donald W. Boecke, Counsel, Verizon New England Inc. d/b/a Verizon Maine, 185 Franklin Street, Room 1403, Boston, MA 02110-1585, telephone 617-743-5769.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 20th day of November, 2000.

BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER

Peter G. Ballou, Esq.